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1. THE GOC HAS ANNOUNCED THE MECHANICS OF THE JANUARY 4 VOTE (REFTEL). IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES BY CARNET, ALL CHILEANS ARE TO AFFIRM YEA OR NAY ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "FACED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION UNLEASHED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF OUR COUNTRY, I SUPPORT PRESIDENT PINOCHET IN HIS DEFENSE OF THE DIGNITY OF CHILE, AND I REAFFIRM THE LEGITIMACY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO CONDUCT WITH SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE OUR INSTITUTIONALIZATION PROCESS.

2. WHO VOTES. ALL RESIDENT CHILEANS, EIGHTEEN YEARS OR OVER, NOT PREVENTED BY PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR JUDICIAL PROBLEMS, ARE ELIGIBLE. VOTING IS OBLIGATORY AND ONLY AN IDENTITY CARNET IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A BALLOT. PEOPLE WILL VOTE WHEREVER THEY FIND THEMSELVES JANUARY 4, WHICH NEED NOT BE THEIR LEGAL DOMICILE OR PLACE OF WORK. JANUARY 4 WILL BE A HOLIDAY TO ALLOW CHILEANS TO VOTE.

3. WHERE. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WILL SOON ANNOUNCE
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THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACES, IN GENERAL THEY WILL BE THE SAME ONES USED IN PAST YEARS. VOTERS WILL GO TO TABLS DESIGNATED BY THE FIRST LETTER OF THEIR PATERNAL NAME. VOTING WILL BEGIN AT 0800 HOURS AND WILL RUN FOR AT LEAST EIGHT HOURS. TABLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE SET UP AFTER 1200 HOURS. THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE WILL STAFF EACH TABLE.

4. PROCEDURE. AFTER IDENTIFYING HIMSELF BY HIS CARNNET, THE VOTER WILL WRITE HIS NAME IN THE REGISTRY AT EACH TABLE. HE WILL THEN RECEIVE A BALLOT TO BE MARKED YES OR NO IN A SECRET VOTING BOOTH OR ROOM. THE SAME SYSTEM OF CONTROL NUMBERS USED IN THE PAST WILL ENSURE THAT VOTERS DO NOT CAST PRE-MARKED OR EXTRA BALLOTS. AFTER VOTING, THE VOTER'S CARNET WILL BE RETURNED, SPECIALLY MARKED TO PREVENT HIM FROM VOTING AGAIN.

5. THE GOVERNMENT STATES THAT THE COUNT WILL BE PUBLIC AND THAT THE THREE/FOUR PERSONS AT EACH TABLE WILL ATTEST TO ITS CORRECTNESS. THE RESULTS ARE TO BE TURNED INTO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND MADE PUBLIC THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 4.

6. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO GOC-OWNED "EL CORNISTA" DECEMBER 23 THE CARNTS OF PERSONS VOTING WILL HAVE ONE CORNER CLIPPED AND A TRICOLORED PICE OF TAPE AFFIXED. PERSONS UNABLE TO VOTE FOR VALID REASONS WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES". FAILURE TO OBTAIN SUCH APPROVAL WILL RENDER THE CARNETS OF PERSONS NOT VOTING IN-VALID FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT PRUPOE FOR WHICH A CARNET IS REQUIRED. LANDAU

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